

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 3 of the specification, please delete paragraph 2 at line 5 and replace with the following new paragraph:

FIGS. 1 and 2, illustrate an access opening closure device, shown generally as 10. Briefly, closure device 10 includes a housing 12, an access door 14 and a top cover 16. Housing 12 has a bottom wall 18, a pair of side walls 20 and 22 and a front wall 24 which defines a receptacle 25 for receiving food, medication or the like. A plurality of drain holes 18' (FIG. 2) are formed through the bottom wall 18 to allow fluid to drain therefrom. Side walls 20 and 22 have a height that increases from front end 26 to rear end 28 of housing 12. Alternately, the side walls can be rectangular. In extreme cases, when a prisoner or patient must be subdued before the guard enters the cell, the reduced height of front end 26 compared to rear end 28 of housing 12 enables the guard to spray a subduing agent, such as pepper spray or mace, directly into the cell. Preferably, housing 12 is constructed from stainless steel, although other materials having the requisite strength requirements can also be used.

On page 5, please delete paragraph 3 at line 9 and replace with the following new paragraph:

A lock 66 is also provided on top cover 16. Lock 66 includes a spring biased projection 68 which is receivable in a catch 70 to lock top cover 16 in the closed position. Catch 70 can be secured to top bracket 30. Alternately, catch 70 can be secured to other support structures, such as door 35.

On page 6, please delete paragraph 2 at line 5 and replace with the following

new paragraph:

A3 Referring to FIG. 5, a slot 62 is formed in side bracket 32 adjacent the concavity formed in bottom bracket 34. Slot 62 allows any debris positioned on the guide track in concavity 33, when access door 14 is opened, to be pushed from the end of the guide track. Thus, access door 14 will not be prevented from closing by placing debris on the guide track.

On page 6, please delete paragraph 3 at line 10 and replace with the following new paragraph:

A4 FIG. 6 illustrates an alternate embodiment of the access opening closure device shown generally at 100. Closure device 100 is substantially identical to closure device 10 except that top cover 115 is slidable between open and closed positions along a track 113 formed about the top of housing 112.

On page 6, please delete paragraph 4 at line 14 and replace with the following new paragraph:

A5 FIG. 7 illustrates a partial cutaway, cross-sectional view of an alternate embodiment of access door 14 and lock 44. In the alternate embodiment, access door 14' has a top edge 37' having a plurality of teeth 39'. Adjacent teeth define recesses 50'. Lock 44' includes a housing 130, a lever 102 pivotably secured to housing 130 by a pivot pin 104, a reciprocal engagement member 106, a tubular inner housing 108 and a biasing member 110. Tubular inner housing 108 is threadably received within a threaded bore 122 formed in top bracket 30'. Engagement member 106 includes an annular flange 114 and a tooth engaging distal end 116. Biasing member 110 is positioned between flange 114 and the upper end of inner housing 108 and functions to

AB urge distal end 116 of engagement member 106 into engagement with teeth 39' of access door 14'. Lever 102 is manually pivotable in the direction indicated arrow "A" in Fig. 7 to lift engagement member 106 from engagement with access door 14'. Each tooth 39' includes a vertical surface 132 and a sloped surface 134. Engagement between vertical surface 132 and distal end 116 of member 106 prevents movement of access door 14' in the direction indicated by arrow "B" in FIG. 7. Engagement between sloped surface 134 and distal end 116 of member 106 urges member 106 upwardly against the bias of biasing member 110 to permit movement of access door 14' in the direction indicated by arrow "C" in FIG. 7. Teeth 39' and lock 44' prevent access door 14' from being repeatedly slammed between open and closed positions. Housing 130 of lock 44' can be secured to top bracket 30' using screws 120. Alternately, other attachment devices may be used to secure housing 130 to bracket 30', e.g., brazing, welding, etc.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 5, and 8-10 as follows:

- AF 1. (Amended) An access opening closure device comprising:
- a housing defining a receptacle and being adapted to be mounted adjacent an access opening in a support structure;
 - a top cover movably supported on the housing, the top cover being movable from a first position covering a top opening of the housing to a second position uncovering the top opening of the housing;
 - an access door movably supported on the housing, the access door being movable from a first position uncovering a rear opening of the housing to a second